

Wednesday, February 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1959:** U.S. rock 'n' roll star Buddy Holly was killed in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa. Fellow stars Richie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, and the pilot, also died

1867: Prince Mutsuhito became Emperor Meiji of Japan at the age of 14

1989: P. W. Botha quit as leader of South Africa's ruling National party

2003: Legendary music producer Phil Spector was arrested for the murder of an actress found shot dead at his home

2009: Suspected Taliban militants blew up a bridge in the border region between Pakistan and Afghanistan, suspending NATO supply lines